GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DEATHS DUE TO AIDS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths occurred due to AIDS during each of the last four years, State-wise; and

(b) the remedial measures being taken to contain the spread of AIDS?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 FOR 19.2.2003

As per reports received from States/UTs in the country, 2159 AIDS deaths have been reported to National AIDS Control Organisation during last four years.

A statement indicating number of deaths State-wise and year-wise during each of last four years is annexed.

Government of India is implementing a Nation-wide comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme through autonomous AIDS Control Societies at State, UT and Municipal levels. The main components of the programme are: -

(i) Reducing the HIV transmission amongst poor and marginalized sections of the community at the high risk of infection, by (a) targeted interventions amongst marginalized sections of the society at the highest risk of HIV infection and transmission such as sex workers, transport workers, injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, migrant workers, industrial workers vulnerable to HIV infection, street children and slum population; (b) control of sexually transmitted diseases through syndromic management at the peripheral public health institutions and through outreach services; and (c) condom promotion to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV;

(ii) Reducing the spread of HIV amongst general population, which is perceived to be at a lower risk; by (a) reducing blood based transmission by modernizing the blood transfusion services in the country for greater availability and rational use of blood, by ensuring mandatory screening of HIV, Hepatitis `B` and `C`, malaria and syphilis and by developing technical manpower; (b) Information, Education and Communication campaigns to raise awareness levels; and (c) promotion of voluntary counseling and testing for HIV;

(iii) Strengthen the institutions responsible for implementation of the programme, by - (a) increasing the quantity, quality and timeliness of surveillance systems for HIV, sexually transmitted infections, behaviour patterns and social determinants in all parts of the country so as to enable evidence based planning and response; (b) improving technical and managerial capacities of State AIDS Control Societies for the effective implementation of the programme; (c) training of medical and para-medical personnel in management of HIV/AIDS patients; and (d) supporting high level peer reviewed competitive and rational Research & Development;

(iv) Delivery of community based low cost care for people living with HIV/AIDS, by - (a) providing drugs for treatment of opportunistic infections including Tuberculosis; (b) antiretroviral post exposure prophylaxis to medical and para-medical workers in the event of an accidental exposure of HIV/AIDS while treating HIV/AIDS patients; (c) providing single dose Nevirapine to HIV positive pregnant mothers and her baby attending antenatal clinics in six high prevalence States namely Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur and Nagaland; and (d) encouraging people living with HIV/AIDS to form their networks/self help groups in order to facilitate care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS;

(v) Ensuring multisectoral collaboration with public, private and voluntary sectors for a broad based response to the epidemic. At present, over 700 targeted intervention projects in the country are being run through Non-Government Organisations. Besides, NGOs are being involved in running community care centers and school AIDS education programme.

Various ministries/departments like Defence, Railways, Labour, Steel, Sports & Youth Affairs, Women & Child Development, and

Social Justice and Empowerment are implementing HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme in their respective sectors with the financial and technical support from National AIDS Control Organisation.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE REPORTED NUMBER OF DEATHS DUE TO AIDS DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS

S.N	State /UT	1999	2000	2001	2002
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	53	36
2	Assam	-	1	-	2
3	Arunachal Pd	-	-	-	-
4	A&N Islands	-	7	2	7
5	Bihar	5	7	1	-
6	Chandigarh	-	13	29	22
7	Punjab	-	-	-	2
8	Delhi	-	24	27	17
9	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-
10	D & Nagar Haveli	2	-	-	-
11	Goa	-	3	15	8
12	Gujarat	12	-	20	46
13	Haryana	-	5	-	-
14	Himachal Pradesh	6	-	-	1
15	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-
16	Karnataka	20	19	27	37
17	Kerala	13	-	-	-
18	Lakshdweep	4	-	-	-
19	Madhya Pradesh	-	50	5	7
20	Maharashtra	80	77	176	271
21	Manipur	2	17	50	24
22	Mizoram	-	7	-	5
23	Meghalaya	1	-	-	-
24	Nagaland	12	25	28	35
25	Orissa	-	-	-	-
26	Pondicherry	71	-	-	-
27	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-
28	Sikkim	1	-	-	-
29	Tamil Nadu	-	119	249	146
30	Tripura	-	-	-	-
31	Uttar Pradesh	-	4	15	3
32	West Bengal	-	-	68	-
33	Ahmedabad MC	-	-	-	2
34	Mumbai MC	-	-	-	116
Total		229	378	765	787